NOTIFICATION. 1082

No. L.D. 865—Legis. 5-52-54, dated Bangalore, 9th August 1952.

Ordered that Notification No. S.R.O. 1189, dated the 30th June 1952 of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Table Potato Grading and Marking Rules, 1950, published in the *Gazette of India*, Part II, Section 3, dated the 12th July 1952, be republished in the *Mysore Gazette*, for general information.

By Order of His Highness the Maharaja,

N. R. JAYA RAO,

Legal Remembrancer and
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

New Delhi, the 30th June 1952.

S.R.O. 1189.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937 (I of 1937), and in supersession of the Notification of the Government of India in the late Department of Education, Health and Lands No. F. 18/43-A, dated the 25th February, 1943, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, the same having been previously published as required by the said section, namely :—

1. *Short title.*—These rules may be called the Table Potato Grading and Marking Rules, 1950.

2. *Grade designations.*—Grade designations to indicate the quality of table potatoes produced in India shall be as set out in column 1 of Schedules I and II annexed to these Rules.

3. *Definition of quality.*—The quality indicated by the respective grade designations shall be as set out against each designation in columns 2 to 8 of Schedules I and II.

4. *Grade designation marks.*—The grade designation mark shall consist of a label of the design and colour specified in Schedule III in conjunction with the grade designation.

5. *Method of Marking.*—The grade designation mark label shall be securely attached to each container and shall clearly show the following particulars :—

(*a*) Grade designation with the words " table potatoes".
(*b*) Variety or trade name.
(*c*) Net weight.
(*d*) Name of packing station.
(*e*) Date of packing.

6. *Method of packing.*—(1) Containers shall be clean, suitable for the purpose and shall be securely closed.

(2) The tubers in any container shall be of one grade and reasonably uniform The top layer shall be representative of the entire contents of the package in respect of variety, size, colour and freedom from defects.

SCHEDULE I

Grade designations and definition of quality of Table Potatoes (Oval or long varieties)*

Grade designation	General	Applicable to single tuber's size (minimum diameter in.)	Conformity to variety, etc	Definition or quality			
				Applicable to quantities			
				Tolerances			
				Under-size or over-size	Diseased† damage, etc.	Earth and extraneous matter	Maximum aggregate of all defects under columns 5, 6 &
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Extra Special ...	Reasonably clean, healthy potatoes, free from serious defect and suitable for human consumption.	1 5/8 in.**	At least 95% by weight must conform to the variety.	Not more than 2% of the total weight may pass through sieve having circular holes with a diameter of the minimum size specified (in column (3) for the grade; included in this not more than 0·5% of the total weight may pass through a in. mesh.	Not more than 2% of the total weight may consist of appreciably diseased, damaged or unsightly potatoes and included in this amount.	Not more than 2% may be present, the percentage to be calculated on the net weight of screened potatoes.	4% of the total weight.
Special ...	Ditto	1 1/8 in	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto

*The word "Oval or Long" shall be marked following the grade name on the AGMARK label by means of a rubber stamp.

**When the potatoes have been passed over a riddle of greater mesh than 1 5/8 in., the minimum size may, at the seller's discretion be appended to the grade name *e.g.*, "Extra Special" (2 in., 2·25 in., 2·5 in. etc.) but potatoes which exceed 3¼ inches in their smallest diameter shall be excluded from grading.

† 1. Any disease or defect the presence of which may be established by cutting open the potato shall be taken into account, and potatoes having cuts, worm and slug holes penetrating into the flesh shall be regarded as damaged.

2. Potatoes affected greenness superficial disease or damage shall not be regarded as diseased or damaged unless more than 1/10 of the surface is so affected.

3. A potato shall only be regarded as being obviously affected with the soft rot, if at the time of inspection, it is squashy or the surface is at some part distinctly broken or wet owing to disease.

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SCHEDULE II

Grade designations and definition of quality of Table Potatoes (round varieties)*

Grade designation	General	Applicable to single tuber's size (minimum diameter in.)	Conformity to variety, etc.	Definition of Quality — Applicable to qualities — Tolerances: Under-size or over-size	Disease,† damage, etc.	Earth and extraneous matter	Maximum aggregate all defects under columns 5, 6 and 7
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Extra special ...	Reasonably clean, healthy potatoes, free from serious defect and suitable for human consumption.	1¾ in.**	At least 95% by weight must conform to the variety.	Not more than 2% of the total weight may pass through seive having circular holes with a diameter of the minimum size specified (in column 3) for the grade; included in this not more than 0·5% of the total weight may pass through a 1 in. mesh.	Not more than 2% of the total weight may consist of appreciably diseased, damaged or unsightly potatoes and included in this amount.	Not more than 2% may be present, the percentage to be calculated on the net weight of screened potatoes.	4% of the total weight.
Special ...	Ditto	1½ in.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto

*Potatoes of round varieties shall be packed separately. The word "Round" shall be marked following the grade name on the AGMARK label by means of a rubber stamp.

**When the potatoes have been passed over a riddle of greater mesh than 1¾ in. the minimum size may, at the seller's discretion be appended to the grade name, *e.g.*, "Extra Special" (2in.', 2·25 in., 2·5 in., etc.,) but potatoes which exceed 3½ inches in their smallest diameter shall be excluded from grading.

† 1. Any disease or defect the presence of which may be established by cutting open the potato shall be taken into account, and potatoes having cuts, worm and slug holes penetrating into the flesh shall be regarded as damaged.

2. Potatoes affected by greenness superficial disease or damage shall not be regarded as diseased or damagad unless more than 1/10 of the surface is so affected.

3. A potato shall only be regarded as being obviously affected with the soft rot, if at the time of inspection, it is squashy or the surface is at some part distinctly broken or wet owing to disease.

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SCHEDULE III

The grade designation mark for potatoes shall consist of the following desig in conjunction with a grade designation :—

The labels will be of the following colour :—

Extra Special	...	White.
Special	...	Red.

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